

FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF SENATE

The attached mission statement for Concordia University has its origin in a speech given by the Rector on 30 October 1989 to a joint meeting of Senate and the Board of Governors. It states, in broad terms, what the University aspires to be, rooted in its particular experience as an academic institution and as part of a wider community.

The original statement was examined by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities. A sub-committee of SCAPP reviewed it and made some changes and additions. At its meeting of 19 April 1991, SCAPP approved a revised version of the mission statement, which it is recommending to Senate for approval. Following approval by Senate, the statement will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for its approval.

It should be emphasized that a mission statement is not an end in itself. Instead, it is intended to provide a succinct and general affirmation of the University's principles and objectives, to be used by units of the University as a basis for formulating their own missions. Out of these statements should emerge, after an appropriate process of reflection and consultation, more precise and detailed planning objectives and strategies for the University.

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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. John Noonan
Secretary of Senate

From: Patrick Kenniff
Rector & Vice-Chancellor

Date: 19 March 1991

Subject: Concordia University Mission Statement

Dear John,

At the request of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities, I am pleased to send you the text of the Concordia University Mission Statement as it was approved unanimously today by SCAPP with a recommendation that it now be brought forward to Senate and approved.

Would you please therefore be good enough to place this item on the draft agenda for the next Senate meeting.



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT
(as approved by SCAPP on 19 March 1991)

Concordia is an urban university which is responsive to the needs of a diverse student population as well as to the bilingual and multicultural environment in which it resides. It is a welcoming community where values of equality, non-discrimination and tolerance of diversity are appreciated and actively promoted. Furthermore, Concordia is committed to responsible and innovative leadership in fulfilling the mission of universities to develop and disseminate knowledge and values and to act as a social critic. The University seeks to achieve this end by offering its students inclusive and accessible academic programmes which stress a broad-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning, as well as by a dedication to superior teaching supported by the best possible research, scholarship, creative activity and service to society. Through these means, the University prepares its graduates, at all levels, to live as informed and responsibly critical citizens who are committed to learning and to the spirit of enquiry.

(as approved by Senate, 3 May 1991)